Increase in Capacity of Broadcasting Transmitter at Humnabad in Bidar Karnataka

1905 SHRI RAMCHANDRA VEERAPPA Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to increase the capacity of the broadcasting transmitter at Humnabad in Bidar in Karnataka, and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS) (a) and (b) Presently, there is no broadcasting transmitter at Humnabad in Bidar in the State of Karnataka

NTPC Project in Gandhar, Gujarat

1906 DR K D JESWANI Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state

(a) whether there is any NTPC Power Project in Gandhar in Gujarat State,

(b) if so, the power generation capacity of it and

(c) the time by which it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI) (a) and (b) Yes Sir National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) is setting up Gandhar Gas Based Power Project Stage I (650 MW) in Bharuch district of Gujarat

(c) The project is likely to be completed in a period of 42 months after the award of main plant contract

Proposed strike by pilots of Indian Airlines

1907 SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state

(a) whether the pilots of Indian Airlines have again decided to go on strike, and

(b) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA) (a) No notice for any strike has been received from the Indian Commercial Pilots' Association, which represents the pilots in Indian Airlines

(b) Does not arise

Digital Tax in Trivandrum

1908 SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SURESH Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government propose to set up digital tax equipments in the Trivandrum Telephone Exchange

(b) if so, when the same will be provided there, and

(c) the details of benefit of digital tax equipments in Trivandrum exchange to Manual, Automatic, Electronic Exchanges from Trivandrum, Kollans, Pattanamthitta and other districts therefrom?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P V RANGAYYA NAIDU) (a) Yes Sir

(b) By end of March, 1992

(c) Exchange in Trivandrum and Kollam Districts are proposed to be connected to Trivandrum Digital TAX The Exchanges already having STD facility in the above districts are also proposed to be transferred to the Digital TAX at Trivandrum

Digital TAX will provide better connectivity and much improved service

Pathanamthitta, Tiruvalla, Kumbanad, Ranni, Kozhencherry, Adoor & Pandalam in Pathanamthitta District which are having STD facility have been connected to the new Digital TAX commissioned at Kottayam

National Committee on Dam Safety

1909 SHRI CHHITUBHAI GAMIT Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state

(a) the composition and tenure of the National Committee on Dam Safety

(b) the number of meetings held by the Committee so far and the recommendations made in respect of dams river valley projects and assistance to States for dams during the last two years and

(c) the details of the recommendations accepted, implemented or proposed to be implemented by the Union Government State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA) (a) The National Committee on Dam Safety was constituted in October 1987. The Committee as per latest composition comprises of the Chairman, Central Water Commission (CWC) as Chairman, Member (Design & Research), CWC as Vice Chairman and representatives from Geological Survey of India Indian Meteorological Department, Bhakra Beas Management Board, Indian Association of Hydrologists Indian Society of Engineering Geology, and State Governments of Gujarat, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Orissa, West Bengal and Rajasthan as members The Chief Engineer, Dam Safety Organisation, CWC is the Member Secretary of the Committee The Committee has no fixed tenure and is required to meet twice a year

(b) and (c) The Committee has held 8 meetings During the last two years, it has advised the States on mode of conducting inspection of dams, operation and maintenance of dams, Compilation of data books, completion reports, structural and hydrological review of existing dams, instrumentation and seismic status of large dams and undertaking emergency actions

Digital Switching Systems for Punjab and Haryana

1910 SHRI N SUNDARARAJ Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state

(a) whether Project Approval Board has approved a joint venture with a leading telecommunications company from Japan, Fujitsu for the manufacture of Electronic Digital Switches System for Punjab,

(b) if so the details thereof

(c) whether it is a fact that the project was originally approved as a joint venture between the Punjab Electronic Development Corporation and Fujitsu but subsequently one more partner was inducted making it a three way joint venture

(d) if so, the reasons therefor,

(e) whether a similar project in Haryana is being set up and